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Security Council

Fifty-fourth Year

Provisional

4015th Meeting

Thursday, 24 June 1999, 3.30 p.m.
New York

President:	Mr. Jagne	(Gambia)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Petrella
	Bahrain	Mr. Al-Mansoor
	Brazil	Mr. Moura
	Canada	Mr. Fowler
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Alabrune
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Malaysia	Mr. Misran
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. van Walsum
	Russian Federation	Mr. Sergeev
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

99-85480 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following documents: S/1999/623, S/1999/635 and S/1999/654, letters dated 21 May and 2 and 4 June 1999, respectively, from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting, respectively, a Peace Agreement on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, signed at Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; a joint communiqué issued by the Government of Uganda and a delegation from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and a joint communiqué issued by the Government of Uganda after the conclusion of a mini-summit in Dar-es-Salaam; and S/1999/683, letter dated 9 June 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement on the Democratic Republic of the Congo issued on 2 June 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council recalls the statements of its President of 31 August 1998 (S/PRST/1998/26) and 11 December 1998 (S/PRST/1998/36). It reaffirms its resolution 1234 (1999) of 9 April 1999 (S/RES/1234/1999) on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and calls on all parties to comply with this resolution. It expresses its continued concern at the continuing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The Security Council reaffirms its commitment to preserving the national unity, sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all other States in the region. It further reaffirms its support for the regional mediation process facilitated by the President of the Republic of Zambia on behalf of the Southern African Development Community in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and with support from the United Nations to find a peaceful settlement to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The Security Council takes note of the constructive efforts being made to promote a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the context of the above-mentioned regional mediation process, including the meeting and agreement signed at Sirte on 18 April 1999. It calls on all parties to demonstrate commitment to the peace process and to participate with a constructive and flexible spirit in the forthcoming summit in Lusaka scheduled for 26 June 1999. In this context, the Council calls on the parties immediately to sign a ceasefire agreement which includes the appropriate modalities and mechanisms for its implementation.

"The Security Council reaffirms its readiness to consider the active involvement of the United Nations, in coordination with the OAU, including through concrete sustainable and effective measures, to assist in the implementation of an effective ceasefire agreement and in an agreed process for political settlement of the conflict.

"The Security Council emphasizes the need for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in order to permit the economic reconstruction of the country, so as to enhance development and foster national reconciliation.

"The Security Council stresses the need for a continuing process of genuine national reconciliation and democratization in all States of the Great Lakes region. It reaffirms the importance of holding, at the appropriate time, an international conference on security, stability and development for the Great Lakes region and encourages the international community to help facilitate such a conference.

"The Security Council expresses its appreciation and full support for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General and his Special Envoy for the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The Security Council will remain actively seized of the matter."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1999/17.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.

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Security Council

Fifty-fourth Year

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4016th Meeting

Friday, 25 June 1999, 4 p.m.

New York

President:	Mr. Jagne	(Gambia)
Members:	Argentina	Ms. Ramírez
	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Moura
	Canada	Mr. Fowler
	China	Mr. Shen Guofang
	France	Mr. Alabrune
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara-Moussotsi
	Malaysia	Mr. Rastam
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. Scheffers
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

Admission of new Members

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Kiribati for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/1999/715)

99-85486 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.25 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new members

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Kiribati for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/1999/715)

The President: Under the item on its agenda, the Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Kiribati for admission to membership in the United Nations, which appears in document S/1999/715.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Council that it should have recourse to the provision of the last paragraph of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure in order to present its recommendation to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Council wishes to waive the time limits set forth in the penultimate paragraph of rule 60.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

In paragraph 4 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application of the Republic of Kiribati for admission to membership in the United Nations. I should like to congratulate the Committee on its decision to recommend that the Republic of Kiribati be admitted to membership in the United Nations.

In accordance with the understanding reached in prior consultations among members of the Council, I propose that the Council adopt the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members without a vote.

As I see no objection, it is so decided.

I therefore declare that the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/1999/715) has been adopted without a vote as resolution 1248 (1999).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Republic of Kiribati to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmittal to the General Assembly in accordance with rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council:

> "The Security Council has decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Republic of Kiribati be admitted as a Member of the United Nations.
>
> "On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I wish to extend my congratulations to the Republic of Kiribati on this historic occasion. The Council notes with great satisfaction the Republic of Kiribati's solemn commitment to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to fulfil all the obligations contained therein. We look forward to the day in the near future when the Republic of Kiribati will join us as a Member of the United Nations, and to working closely with its representatives."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1999/18.

The Council has thus concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.

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Security Council
Fifty-fourth Year

Provisional

4017th Meeting
Friday, 25 June 1999, 4.30 p.m.
New York

President:	Mr. Jagne	(Gambia)
Members:	Argentina	Ms. Ramírez
	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Moura
	Canada	Mr. Fowler
	China	Mr. Shen Guofang
	France	Mr. Alabrune
	Gabon	Mr. Moungara-Moussotsi
	Malaysia	Mr. Rastam
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. Scheffers
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

Admission of new Members

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Nauru for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/1999/716)

99-85492 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Admission of new members

Report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Nauru for admission to membership in the United Nations (S/1999/716)

The President: Under the item on its agenda, the Security Council will now begin its consideration of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members concerning the application of the Republic of Nauru for admission to membership in the United Nations, which appears in document S/1999/716.

In paragraph 3 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Council that it should have recourse to the provision of the last paragraph of rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure in order to present its recommendation to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Council wishes to waive the time limits set forth in the penultimate paragraph of rule 60.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

In paragraph 4 of the report, the Committee recommends to the Security Council the adoption of a draft resolution on the application of the Republic of Nauru for admission to membership in the United Nations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members (S/1999/716). Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

I shall first call on those members of the Council who wish to make statements before the voting.

Mr. Shen Guofang (China) (*spoke in Chinese*): The Chinese delegation attaches importance to the desire of Nauru to be admitted to membership in the United Nations, and has carried out serious study with regard to its application. In considering the admission of Nauru to the United Nations, we believe it most essential that the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter should be fully complied with, that General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 1971 should be implemented and that the new Member should fulfil its Charter obligations and comply with General Assembly resolutions.

On the basis of this principled position, the Chinese delegation cannot support the recommendation by the Council to the General Assembly concerning the admission of Nauru to the membership of the United Nations. At the same time, considering the long-term interests of the peoples of China and Nauru, and given the request of South Pacific countries, we will not block this recommendation.

We hope that after it joins the United Nations, Nauru will strictly comply with resolutions of the United Nations, including General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI).

The President: I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members, document S/1999/716.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, France, Gabon, Gambia, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Against:

None

Abstaining:

China

The President: There were 14 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention. The draft resolution contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee on the Admission of New Members, document S/1999/716, has been adopted as resolution 1249 (1999).

I shall immediately convey the decision of the Security Council recommending the admission of the Republic of Nauru to membership in the United Nations to the Secretary-General for transmittal to the General

Assembly, in accordance with rule 60 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

I shall now make a statement, in my capacity as President of the Security Council, on behalf of the members of the Council:

> "The Security Council has decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the Republic of Nauru be admitted as a Member of the United Nations. On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I wish to extend my congratulations to the Republic of Nauru on this historic occasion. The Council notes with great satisfaction the Republic of Nauru's solemn commitment to uphold the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to fulfil all the obligations contained therein. We look forward to the day in the near future when the Republic of Nauru will join us as a Member of the United Nations and to working closely with its representatives."

This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1999/19.

The Council has thus concluded its consideration of the matter before it.

The meeting rose at 4.35 p.m.

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Security Council

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4018th Meeting
Tuesday, 29 June 1999, 3.30 p.m.
New York

President:	Mr. Jaw	(Gambia)
Members:	Argentina	Ms. Moglia
	Bahrain	Mr. Al-Khalifa
	Brazil	Mr. Fonseca
	Canada	Mr. Fowler
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Namibia	Mr. Theron
	Netherlands	Mr. Scheffers
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Eldon
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/1999/657)

Report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus (S/1999/707)

99-85504 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.40 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/1999/657)

Report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus (S/1999/707)

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus, documents S/1999/657 and S/1999/657/Add.1, and the report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus, document S/1999/707.

Members of the Council also have before them documents S/1999/724 and S/1999/725, which contain the texts of two draft resolutions prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the two draft resolutions before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolutions to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

I shall first put to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/1999/724.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Gabon, Gambia, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1250 (1999).

I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution contained in document S/1999/725.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Gabon, Gambia, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1251 (1999).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.

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Security Council
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4019th Meeting
Tuesday, 29 June 1999, 3.45 p.m.
New York

President:	Mr. Jagne	(Gambia)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Petrella
	Bahrain	Mr. Al-Khalifa
	Brazil	Mr. Fonseca
	Canada	Mr. Fowler
	China	Mr. Chen Xu
	France	Mr. Teixeira da Silva
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Namibia	Mr. Theron
	Netherlands	Mr. Scheffers
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Eldon
	United States of America	Mr. Burleigh

Agenda

The situation in Timor

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/705)

99-85510 (E)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.45 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation in Timor

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/705)

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Indonesia and Portugal, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Effendi (Indonesia) and Mr. Monteiro (Portugal) took seats at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor, document S/1999/705.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of East Timor of 22 June 1999 (S/1999/705).

"The Security Council notes with understanding the Secretary-General's decision to postpone for three weeks his determination, which he will base on the main elements identified in his report of 5 May (S/1999/513), of whether the necessary security situation exists for the start of the operational phase of the consultation process in accordance with the Agreement between the United Nations and the Governments of Indonesia and Portugal (S/1999/513, annex III). The Council also endorses his intention that the operational phases of the popular consultation not begin until the United Nations Mission in East Timor (UNAMET) is fully deployed, and his decision to postpone the ballot date for two weeks.

"The Security Council emphasizes that a popular consultation of the East Timorese people through a direct, secret and universal ballot represents an historic opportunity to resolve the question of East Timor peacefully. It concurs with the Secretary-General's assessment that this process must be transparent and that all parties must have the opportunity to express themselves freely.

"In this regard the Security Council expresses serious concern that the Secretary-General, in his assessment, concludes that the necessary conditions do not yet exist to begin the operational phases of the consultation process, given the security situation throughout much of East Timor and the absence of a 'level playing field'. It is especially concerned that the militias and other armed groups have carried out acts of violence against the local population and exercise an intimidating influence over them, and that these activities continue to constrict political freedom in East Timor, thus jeopardizing the necessary openness of the consultation process. The Council notes the Secretary-General's assessment that while the security situation has severely limited the opportunity for public expression by pro-independence activists, pro-autonomy campaigning has been actively pursued.

"The Security Council stresses the need for all sides to put an end to all kinds of violence and for utmost restraint before, during and after the consultation. It calls on UNAMET to follow up reports of violent activity by both the pro-integration militias and Falintil. In this regard, it expresses grave concern at the attack on the UNAMET office in Maliana, East Timor, on 29 June 1999. The Council demands that the incident be thoroughly investigated and the perpetrators be brought to justice. The Council also demands that all parties respect the safety and security of UNAMET personnel. The Security Council supports the statement of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General of 29 June 1999 and requests the Secretary-General to report further.

"The Security Council welcomes the positive developments identified by the Secretary-General. The Council warmly welcomes the excellent channels of communication between UNAMET and the Indonesian authorities which have been facilitated by the establishment of a high-level Indonesian task force in Dili. The Council warmly welcomes the opening of the DARE II talks in Jakarta with representatives of all sides in East Timor and the progress towards making the Commission on Peace and Stability operative.

"The Security Council stresses once again the responsibility of the Government of Indonesia to maintain peace and security in East Timor. The Council emphasizes that all local officials in East Timor must abide by the provisions of the Tripartite Agreements (S/1999/513, annexes I-III), in particular as regards the designated campaign period, the use of public funds for campaign purposes and the need to campaign only in their private capacity, without recourse to the pressure of office.

"The Security Council is particularly concerned at the situation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in East Timor and the implications which this may have for the universality of the consultation. It calls on all concerned to grant full access and freedom of movement to humanitarian organizations for the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to cease immediately activities which may cause further displacement and to allow all IDPs who wish to do so to return home.

"The Security Council notes that full deployment of UNAMET will not be possible before 10 July 1999. It urges the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to ensure full deployment by that time, and urges all parties to cooperate fully with UNAMET. It stresses the importance of allowing complete freedom of movement for UNAMET within East Timor in order to carry out its tasks.

"The Security Council urges the Indonesian Government and the pro-integration and pro-independence groups to continue to enhance cooperation with UNAMET, to allow the popular consultation to go ahead in a timely manner.

"The Security Council will remained seized of the matter."

This statement will be issued as document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1999/20.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.55 p.m.